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Graphite and Shale Imports Planned for  
Import into East Germany During 1953

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1. Of the 4,000 tons of graphite which East Germany was to import in 1953 according to the 1953 import plan, contracts for 2,500 tons have been signed with the USSR and for 500 tons with Czechoslovakia. A contract with Austria for an additional 1,000 tons is to be signed soon. The remaining 600 tons will have to be imported from East Germany.
2. As of 20 February 1953, only 212 tons of graphite had been delivered to East Germany since the beginning of 1953. A further 110 tons were loaded in railway cars and were to be delivered in early March. According to delivery promises of the USSR and Czechoslovakia, about 750 tons of graphite were to be delivered to East Germany during the second quarter of 1953.
3. Of the 12,000 metric tons of shale (Schieferstein) provided for in the 1953 import plan, contracts have been signed with Czechoslovakia for 9,000 tons and with Poland for 500 tons. From 1 January 1953 to the end of February 1953, 160 tons of shale had been delivered from Czechoslovakia. According to delivery promises of Czechoslovakia and Poland 1,600 tons of shale were to be delivered during the first quarter of 1953.

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